

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Application in light of the final Office Action transmitted September 19, 2008 ("*Office Action*"). Claims 1-54 are pending in the Application, and the Examiner rejects all pending claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims and favorable action in this case.

I. Double Patenting

Claims 1-54 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-34 of copending Application No. 10/804,528 (now allowed). Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce to the Examiner's comments regarding the claims of the present Application or their purported relationship to the claims of the copending Application No. 10/804,528. Enclosed with this Response, however, is a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the double patenting rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 14, 27, 40, 41, 42, 53, and 54 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and 31 of copending Application No. 10/804,528 (now allowed) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,663,748 to Karbowiak, et al. ("*Karbowiak*"). Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce to the Examiner's comments regarding the claims of the present Application or their purported relationship to the claims of the copending Application No. 10/804,528 or *Karbowiak*. Enclosed with this Response, however, is a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the double patenting rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for all other reasons clear and apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this Application.

If the Examiner feels prosecution of the present Application may be advanced by a telephone conference, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (214) 953-6584.

Although no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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